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IKE AS A SYMBOL

To Russians, He Represents
Industrial and Military Might of
U. S., Duke Shoop Says.

COULD BE A WAR DETERRANT

Because of President's Role
Conflict and Visit There, the
People Know Him Well.

HOPE FOR KOREAN END

Real Progress Toward Cease-Fire
Is Being Made, Real Estate
Board Is Told.

President Eisenhower is one man the Russians know well, and whose capabilities are well defined in the Communist mind, and this knowledge could be a major deterrent to any overt acts of war on the part of the Russians.

That description of the nation's chief executive was given in a speech by Duke Shoop, The Star's Washington correspondent, before a capacity audience at a Real Estate Board luncheon this afternoon in the Colonial ballroom of the Hotel Muehlebach.

Shoop will give a condensed version of his talk in an appearance on WDAF from 8:30 to 9 o'clock tonight.

Paid Him Homage.

"President Eisenhower stood with Stalin and his palace guard in the Red Square of Moscow," Shoop pointed out. "The Russian people, after the end of the war, afforded him great homage."

"President Eisenhower symbolizes the industrial and military might of this great land. Sanitized

army regard him as one of the world's greatest generals. The feeling is that under this new regime in Moscow, great hostilities would preclude any overt act that might force another world war."

The speaker continued, posing a question heard frequently: "What are the chances for peace? Right off, let me warn you all that no one knows for sure, and every paper, magazine and nightly on radio and television you can get the inside low-down on the situation behind the gates of the Kremlin. I do not profess to know, but I do know this, I know as much of anyone else and that is absolutely nothing. So, we won't have to lead ourselves."

Opinions Are Varied.

"In recent days I have talked to such persons as Averell Harriman, General James Clay, Dean Acheson, Allen Dulles, General Bradley, and many others. Very little do these gentlemen agree upon. I approached them individually, as a friend, anxious for their viewpoint and sound appraisal of the world situation. So now let me state my own."

"We can't get away from the fact that things are better than they were yesterday. A truce and a cease-fire in Korean hostilities. The exact time is anybody's guess. On the overall situation, it is agreed that the internal situation in Russia will keep the competitive wars so busy that they will not have time to plot and plan and connive against the free world."

"In any appraisal of the broad world picture one must not overlook the personality of Ike Eisenhower, our leader in the White House today is one of very few Americans who has been permitted to be known by the Russian people."

Facts and Figures.

"Among the many persons who consider themselves capable of talking about the Russian situation there is almost a unanimous feeling that Ike as an individual is one of our major weapons against another horrible mess that we went through not so long ago. Behind this Eisenhower personality, there are many figures and facts that can be backed up to show the progress being made on a strictly military level. We have now raised the necessary forces to show the Russians that they cannot count on a cheap victory."

"Sure, we are having trouble with the rearming of the Germans, but the Russians know

unmolested to the North Sea, or to the Elbe, or to the Channel. Away from the strictly military point of view is the fact that Russia now understands a little bit about what the Russians think is this crazy country of America."

"Our leaders have been told that they hoped for Republican victory because it would be a sign of a return to isolationism. By now they realize the continuity of the basic foreign policy, and the almost unanimous agreement between our two major political parties on foreign affairs. Ike certainly made that plain in his recent speech."

No Sure Knowledge.

"Please forgive me if I have left any impression that I know anything about anything. When the doors are closed and our friends are around our brains in Washington will tell you that it is sheer hocus-pocus to make any prediction about things to come."

"Certainly, never in history has the government had so little factual information on a problem and a subject as big as Russia. Sure, we have spies all over Russia. We know exactly how many bullets and guns and ships and planes they make, but we just don't know a thing about the thinking inside the Kremlin."

"You have read in recent weeks that Stalin's power was so great that it could never be shattered by one man. Everyone who should know agrees that this is true, so it has been divided. This fellow, Beria, the head of the Russian police system, over all the commissars, must be reckoned with. He has never been outside Russia and is reputed to hate our 'innards.' Malenkov is regarded as being of the type anxious to save his own head and, if possible, consolidate the gains made in recent years and not dart off on any new adventure."

Report From Others.

"I don't want to leave the impression that I think that things are actually better because I don't know, but those in whom I have great confidence feel that way, and I feel that it is only my duty to report that to you."

"All of us have read and heard about a possible meeting of the Big Three; our President with the leaders of England and Russia. I happen to know that Ike would like very much to sit around a conference table with anyone out of which might come an honorable discharge of our long suffering, but let's hold up for a moment. Our government and the third party at such a meeting. Would it be Malenkov, or would it be Beria? If either of them

and their government? "Now a bit about Korea. Be and all the confusion out there. There is in the works a definite effort on both sides for a cease-fire and a truce. Stalin's death helped that, too. Today the Chinese Communists do not know upon whom to rely in Moscow. They are out on a limb and they know it. Their attitude might well be said that they better have well enough alone."

Not Useless War.

"Now ending, I shall say something that will not be popular to the mothers and fathers. The fine boys who are 7,000 miles away from home in Korea. Harry Truman said two years ago that this was just a police action, but we know different, and the last election showed that this police action is not popular but I would like to say that it is not accurate anyway, any political demagogue, to say the Korean situation was a useless war."

"On a world-wide basis it has given proof to our enemies that we are ready to fight to preserve democracy and the freedoms that embody our philosophy."

"There have been great heroes through the years, through the wars, who have fought for what we call today enjoy. It is my belief that no nation ever had braver heroes than those who went through the Korean affair. It is my sincere conviction."

"We believe that freedom, peace and dignity are man's estate. We believe that truth and light and confidence will banish hate. We believe that strength of men who work together forever lies in unity. We believe that out of strife a peaceful world will come one day. We believe that destiny has called this land to show the way. Every time we feel the spell of men who try, whose faith is strong, whose hopes are high, then we know why we believe."

Following his talk, Shoop was asked from the floor:

"Have you seen General MacArthur recently, and is he a forgotten man?"

He answered: "I have seen him. He is not never will be, a forgotten man. General MacArthur is one of the greatest men the world has ever produced. In World War II, MacArthur felt the Japanese should have been defeated first. There was opposition to this feeling in Washington for which MacArthur blamed Eisenhower."

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